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SUBJECT: REPORT OF OCTOBER 10, 1974 MEETING OF NATO MARITIME

PATROL AIRCRAFT STEERING COMMITTEE (NMPASC)

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BEGIN SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE REPORTS FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS OF THE
NMPASC MEETING IN BRUSSELS ON OCTOBER 10, 1974.

(1) LAST ATLANTIC DELIVERED TO ITALY ON JULY 17, 1974.

(2) NMPASC REPORT TO CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS
DIRECTORS (CNAD) ON FB/France/ROLLS-ROYCE CONTRACT PROBLEM.

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(3) ITALIAN CONCERN ABOUT FRENCH SALE OF ATLANTIC
TO PAKISTAN.

ACTION REQUESTED: PROVIDE MISSION WITH STATEMENT OF US POSITION
PER PARAGRAPH 4, ON SALE OF ATLANTIC TO THIRD COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

1. THE NMPASC MET IN BRUSSELS ON OCTOBER 10, 1974. REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL MEMBER NATIONS (BELGIUM, FRANCE, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ITALY, THE NETHERLANDS AND US) ATTENDED. CAPTAIN CHISUM (USNATO) WAS CHAIRMAN AND US REPRESENTATIVE. ITEMS OF INTEREST TO US ARE:

2. LAST ATLANTIC DELIVERED. THE ATLANTIC CONSORTIUM DELIVERED THE LAST AIRCRAFT (NUMBER 87) TO ITALY IN JULY 17, 1974.

3. NMPASC REPORT TO CNAD ON FRENCH/FRG/ROLLS-RYOCE CONTRACT DISPUTE.

A. AT THE LAST MEETING OF NMPASC (REFERENCE A, PARAGRAPH 5) THE BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE VOLUNTEERED TO DRAFT A REPORT FROM NMPASC TO CNAD ABOUT THE FRENCH/FRG/ROLLS-ROYCE CONTRACT DISPUTE.

B. THE BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE WILL TABLE THE DRAFT REPORT, WHICH IS NOT YET READY, AT THE FEBRUARY 1975 MEETING. THE NMPASC PLANS TO SUBMIT THE REPORT AT THE CNAD MEETING IN APRIL 1975.

4. ITALIAN CONCERN ABOUT FRENCH SALE OF ATLANTIC TO PAKISTAN.

A. THE ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVE ASKED THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE ABOUT SEVERAL GENERAL POLITICAL-MILITARY, INDUSTRIAL AND LOGISTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE FRENCH AGREEMENT TO SELL ATLANTIC TO PAKISTAN. HE EXPRESSED PARTICULAR ITALIAN CONCERN ABOUT GIVING THE "ATLANTIC SYSTEM" DESIGN TO PAKISTAN AND ABOUT POSSIBLE LOGISTIC SUPPORT PROBLEMS. THE ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVE WILL SUBMIT THE QUESTIONS IN WRITING TO THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE WHO WILL PROVIDE WRITTEN ANSWERS FOR NMPASC MEMBERS.

B. THE NMPASC WILL ADDRESS FUTURE THIRD-COUNTRY SALES IN GENERAL AND FRENCH SALE TO PAKISTAN IN PARTICULAR AT THE DECEMBER 1974 MEETING.

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C. MISSION COMMENT: NMPASC MEMBERS REFLECT, IN OFF-THE-RECORD COMMENTS, THE GENERAL CONCERN OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT. THEY ARE UNEASY ABOUT THE FACT THAT FRANCE ANNOUNCED THE SALE AS A "FAIT ACCOMPLI". THEY ARE CONCERNED THAT SILENCE ON THE PART OF MEMBER NATIONS NOW WILL TEND TACTICALLY TO FUTURE, UNANNOUNCED THIRD-COUNTRY SALES BY FRANCE, OR EVEN ITALY, FRG OR THE NETHERLANDS. MISSION RECOMMENDS US MAKE A STATEMENT, AT THE NEXT NMPASC MEETING, ON US POSITION ON THIRD-PARTY ATLANTIC SALES; ESPECIALLY OUR POSITION ON CONSULTATION WITHIN THE NMPASC BEFORE THE SALE.

ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST WASHINGTON ADVISE MISSION OF US POSITION ON THIRD-COUNTRY ATLANTIC SALES, ADDRESSING ESPECIALLY ASPECT OF

PRIOR CONSULTATION IN THE NMPASC. REQUEST STATEMENT BEFORE NEXT
NMPASC MEETING, DECEMBER 12, 1974 IN PARIS.
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